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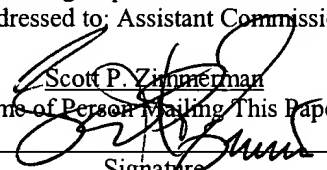
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Title: "METHODS & SYSTEMS FOR A COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION RESOURCE
MANAGER""

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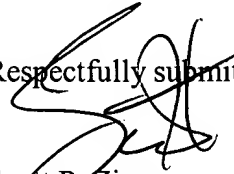
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